

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

- **DISCUSSION OF ASSUREVAULT & PRESENTATION** (John Boros)
- **DISCUSSION OF DISPATCH CENTER** (Chief Nietert/Chief Nagy/Mark Milam)
- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF BEDFORD ARTS & CULTURAL BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT**
(Joyce Daunch)
- **DISCUSSION OF ARTS & CURTURAL BOARD BY-LAWS**
- **DISCUSSION OF ELMER FLICK STATUE LOCATION** (Fiberglass)
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION –** (Personnel/Economic Development)

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Stan Koci, Walter Genutis, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders, Sandy Spinks. Administration: City Manager Michael Mallis, Assistant Law Director John Montello, Clerk of Council Lorree Villers, Building Commissioner Calvin Beverly. Absent: None. Also present: John Boros, AssureVault, Police Chief Nietert, Fire Chief Nagy, Mark Milam, Southeast Emergency Communications Center Administrator, Marilyn Wise, Skylar Starks, Deacon LeVelle Woodruff and Ali Rinni.

DISCUSSION OF ASSUREVAULT & PRESENTATION (John Boros)

Mr. Boros with many years of experience passed out information for Council to review briefly explaining two different options. (See attached) It was determined the price was an approximate amount; this company only charged for exactly what was scanned. Clerk Villers understood she would have to submit another quote for consideration but she would only do that if Council was interested. Besides scanning the records for permanent history value, there was a key word search option that would be very helpful in finding information that was not currently on the City's servers. The scanned records could be downloaded on a DVD, flash drive and/or placed in the Cloud for additional costs. Mr. Pozar thought this was a good idea; the question would be who the City would contract with. The cost also included training for Clerk Villers and other people if necessary.

DISCUSSION OF DISPATCH CENTER

Chief Nietert, Chief Nagy and Mark Milam were present this evening to update everyone on the progress of the new Dispatch Center. Mr. Milam showed two floor plans of the new center. Currently there were 13 work stations grouped by two with their own heat and air conditioning. The facility was prewired for additional stations if another community wanted to join the operation. The facility had bullet proof glass, top security, status monitors, house or cell tracking map location that was forwarded directly to the Fire and/or Police Departments, live feed, 1-4 wall video, basement community room, generator backup, data center, copy room, smart boards, secured door to Bedford Heights City Hall, conference room, cable TV and so on. It was a state of the art facility. Dispatchers would be full time and part time positions. The savings would not be noticed at the initial startup but as time passed the savings would be noticed. It was determined Maple Heights would have to pay their expenses even though they were having financial difficulties. Chief Nietert said there would be no way these Dispatchers could assume additional work. Council was very pleased with the operation and all the hard work both Chiefs and Mr. Milam had spent on the project.

Mayor Koci began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Discussion of Agenda

Council had no changes to the minutes of the Work Session of September 2, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2014.

Ordinance No. 9212-14 adopted and amended the Purchasing Policy/Guidelines. Mr. Gambosi explained the changes were on Pages 6 & 7 of the proposed changes as follows: purchases \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 must be requisitioned, purchases \$1,000.00 to \$9,999.00 must be requisitioned with two (2) quotes and afforded to the City Manager and Finance Director for authorization, purchases with a cost of \$5,000.00 or more would require notice to Council through the weekly memo and purchases \$10,000.00 to \$49,000.00 must be requisitioned with two (2) quotes and afforded to the City Manager and Finance Director for authorization and purchases of \$10,000.00 or more must be approved by Council Ordinance. All construction projects (buildings, houses, roads, etc...) must be approved by Council Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 9213-14 authorized a contract with Gardiner for Ellenwood's Procurement and Project Management in the amount of \$48,500. This was a NOPEC grant project, however, Gardiner would be overseeing the project. The NOPEC Energy Grant allowed various improvements at several of the municipal facilities.

Ordinance No. 9214-14 authorized a contract with the Auditor of State of Ohio in the amount not to exceed \$34,665.50. Mr. Gambosi said this was lower than last year.

Ordinance No. 9215-14 amended Ordinance No. 9122-13 making additional appropriations. Mr. Gambosi listed several changes. Some of the changes were for different types of grants. (See attached memo)

Ordinance No. 9216-14 authorized a contract with Sirna Construction for the repairs on Northfield Road by John Street in the amount of \$4,060. Mr. Mallis pointed out Sirna Construction was the lowest quote for the project. There was discussion regarding the water leak problem at Union and Broadway Avenue. Mr. Saunders had concerns on how or if the layers were going to be compacted. Mr. Mallis would check.

Motion to accept the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Lou Roseman, Balah Enterprise, Inc., 29772 Hilliard Oak Lane, Westlake, OH who is seeking to demolish existing and rebuild a new modern Service Station / Convenient Store with Drive-thru at 1483 Broadway Avenue. There was discussion that ODOT would have to address the egress/ingress of the station.

The motion to accept the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Marilyn Wise, 25901 Emery Road, Suite 114, Cleveland, OH 44128 who was seeking to utilize 90 Woodrow Avenue as a group home was tabled on September 2, 2014. Mayor Koci has asked Ms. Wise to attend the Work Session in case there were questions.

Marilyn Wise, Skylar Starks, House Manager, Deacon LeVelle Woodruff, Elevation Community Church, and Ali Rinni jointly explained ASTARA House, Hope and Wellness for Women in Recovery, was to assist those who were looking for a safe and inviting, alcohol and drug-free living environment. They offered a unique program with an enhanced and evolved approach to sober living using holistic modalities and clinical therapy for women in recovery. Studies had shown that transitional time spent in a Sober Living Home greatly reduced the risk of relapse. Ms. Wise explained after a lot of research it was determined problems could now be found using brain scans. She purchased a house specifically in Bedford to be within walking distance of the downtown coffee house, nature trails, library and the local hospital.

The ASTARA Holistic Recovery Program offered collaborative and individualized treatment planning and cutting-edge, evidence-based clinical care. The program used the 12 Step Program philosophy in combination with holistic treatments for different kinds of addictions. The focus was to restore mind, body, and spirit through traditional and nontraditional treatments for sober living. No clinical services would be provided at the home itself; services were provided at the main office at the Insight Learning and Wellness Center in Warrensville Heights. The staff believed and practiced a holistic approach to addiction; treating the whole person, not just the addiction. 90 Woodrow Avenue was a warm and inviting home/area for sober living. Therapeutic services were offered at the main office in Warrensville to restore the mind, body and spirit. The focus was to assist these ladies to transform their lives and stay sober by adding holistic modalities and deep clinical work. This treatment program offered therapies uniquely tailored to meet these ladies goals as an individual. The treatment center used effective holistic modalities, cutting-edge clinical services, and 12-step principles through our ASTARA Addiction Recovery program. The goal was to blend the treatment program with a safe and nurturing home for women looking to maintain sobriety, thrive and heal. Ms. Wise had staffed a team of talented and compassionate house managers to assist in healthy eating, physical activity, meditation, life skill building, spirituality, collaborative decision making, personal responsibility, sharing chores and fun. The journey to free oneself from addiction can be long and difficult.

These ladies would sign a contract and if they became a problem they would have to leave the home with no refund.

It was determined the neighbors needed to be educated on what was actually happening at the home in hopes to address some of the concerns/fears. Ms. Spinks brought up the rumor problems regarding the recent rezoning of 32 Greencroft Road. There was proof residents were misinformed in both of these cases. Mr. Beverly stated the Building Department would be involved from start to finish because of all the different things that needed addressed per the City Codified Ordinances and Building Codes. It was brought up that some of the neighbors thought the City should not have allowed Ms. Wise to purchase a home in Bedford for this type of business. Mr. Mallis explained the City did not know about the business beforehand and even if it did the City could not interfere with this or any home purchase. It was up to the buyer to do their research prior to purchasing a home. The Administration found out after Ms. Wise had purchased the home of her intentions and dealt with it accordingly. It was determined the Open House Ms. Wise held also could not be controlled by the City.

The HUD regulations were discussed and some of Council felt these regulations should not be considered. Council discussed the several group homes that were currently in Bedford, which were not problem homes; most people don't even know where they were. It was determined the City's criminal nuisance repeat offenders, some of which were residents of rental homes were definitely problems. The comment was made that at least the neighbors knew the intentions of the ladies living at 90 Woodrow which meant the neighbors would be watching the house "like a hawk" plus these ladies could not have a felony, criminal record and would be tested for drugs or alcohol. There were concerns of how the home could be monitored to make sure their rules were being followed and the home would not be unsafe. Ms. Wise said cameras and window/door alarms would also be installed. Ms. Rinni explained this was a very sensitive time for these ladies, they wanted to repair relationships with their families/friends, they were not violent individuals and they needed additional time to heal. Everybody agreed society had changed and everyone had been affected in some way or another at some time in their life by drugs and/or alcohol. Ms. Wise stated it was obvious the young were being affected. She considered Bedford a warm friendly place. This would be the first of this type of home in the area and an asset to the community. Ms. Mizesak questioned why Bedford was chosen and why Ms. Wise didn't stay in Warrensville. She wondered with the several bars in the area if the girls might be tempted to stop and drink. It was determined these ladies were living a sober very structured life and they would not be out on their own running all over town alone. This program was also about support of others so they functioned as a group. It was important to focus on the facts and not "emotions"; the actual treatments were practiced off site. Mr. Pozar pointed out Ms. Wise had purchased the home for approximately \$120,000, which increased the values of the homes on each side of 90 Woodrow so devaluing the neighborhood was not an issue. In fact, it made the homes more valuable. Mr. Saunders talked about a group home of 5 -7 years ago. He felt alcoholism was not a disability but a disease and seven ladies in this particular home was too many.

Attorney Chris Soukup said his job was to see that this group home complied with the laws and to address any concerns anyone would have. It was important to consider the people involved with this continuing operation in good standing in Bedford. He's known Ms. Wise a long time and she was a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor; she was dedicated to the well-being of the people she treats. She had 20+ years of experience in the field and had gathered an impressive group of people who were similar minded to assist her in this process. There was not a more caring, compassionate person dedicated to the wellbeing of others. He stressed the 90 Woodrow location was a "healing" home, a family atmosphere for some of these ladies who have not had a chance to experience and learn. The focus was to assist/educate these ladies in a healing atmosphere so they can enter into society and live a normal productive fulfilling life.

Mr. Genutis was puzzled as to how sober living was not acceptable but drunks were. This would be a tough call for Council to make. Everyone thought this was a productive conversation even with all the pros and

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July 31, 2014

Marilyn Wise
90 Woodrow Ave.
Bedford, OH 44146

Dear Ms. Wise,

It has come to our attention that you plan to use your recently purchased property located at 90 Woodrow Ave. in our City for the delivery of clinical and treatment services.

I have enclosed sections from Chapter 1927 of our Zoning Code which regulate uses in our (R-2) One and Two-Family Residential District which is the District your house falls within.

Section 1927.01 lists permitted uses, 1927.02 lists conditional approved uses which are those requiring special approval.

You will find the delivery of clinical and treatment services do not fall within these approved uses.

We are hoping for your prompt co-operation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Stouffer
Building Inspector

cons. It was determined everyone needed to consider the positives and negatives, think about the next sober living home, satisfy the laws and it needed to be in the best interest of everyone. In closing, Ms. Wise, Ms. Rinni and Ms. Starks urged Council and the Administration to visit the home. Council agreed to continue to keep this tabled until the October 6, 2014 meeting.

Because of time constraints the following items were moved to the October 6, 2014 Work Session:

DISCUSSION OF BEDFORD ARTS & CULTURAL BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

DISCUSSION OF ARTS & CULTURAL BOARD BY-LAWS

DISCUSSION OF ELMER FLICK STATUE LOCATION

At 7:58 p.m., Bedford City Council, the City Manager, Assistant Law Director and Finance Director went into an executive session to discuss Personnel.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Work Session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor – President of Council

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of September 2, 2014
 - b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2014
5. PRESENTATIONS
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Motion to accept the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Marilyn Wise, 25901 Emery Road, Suite 114, Cleveland, OH 44128 who is seeking to utilize 90 Woodrow Avenue as a group home (Tabled 9/2/14)
7. REPORTS
 - a. City Manager
 - b. Law Director
 - c. Finance Director
 - d. Council Reports
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Ordinance No. 9212-14 adopting and amending the Purchasing Policy/Guidelines
 - b. Ordinance No. 9213-14 authorizing contract w/Gardiner - Procurement and Project Management (\$48,500)
 - c. Ordinance No. 9214-14 authorizing contract w/Auditor of State of Ohio (\$34,665.50)
 - d. Ordinance No. 9215-14 amending Ordinance No. 9122-13 making additional appropriations
 - e. Ordinance No. 9216-14 authorizing contract w/Sirna Construction Northfield Road repair (\$4,060)
 - f. Motion to accept the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Lou Roseman, Badah Enterprise, Inc., 29772 Hilliard Oak Lane, Westlake, OH who is seeking to demolish existing and rebuild a new modern Service Station / Convenient Store with Drive-thru at 1483 Broadway Avenue
9. HEARING OF CITIZENS
10. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING
(Council minutes and Agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, September 15, 2014. Mayor Koci called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Absent: None.

Motion made by Spinks and seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of September 2, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Saunders to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2014. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

This evening Mayor Koci and City Manager Mallis on behalf of City Council and the Administration publicly swore in the re-appointment of Arthur Dickard to the Planning Commission. Everyone congratulated him.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to keep on the table the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Marilyn Wise, 25901 Emery Road, Suite 114, Cleveland, OH 44128 who was seeking to utilize 90 Woodrow Avenue as a group home. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Michael Mallis explained again the Columbus Road project would not be completed prior to winter; this was controlled by the County not the City. There would be solar lights to direct traffic over the winter months with additional signage to address some concerns. The West Grace Road construction would start two weeks later than expected but finished by the expected date.

To summarize the Arts & Cultural Board Weekend of the Pooka was a night worth remembering with the 1960's and 70's music with WIXY 1260, the table decorations, food, entertainment, outfits, wigs and dancing. There were too many people to thank but the celebration of the arts was another success.

Assistant Law Director John Montello congratulated everyone including those who participated in the Rotary race this past Saturday.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi addressed the ordinances ahead of time instead of during the reading of each ordinance. Ordinance No. 9212-14 was the new purchasing policy that was previously reviewed by all the departments. Ordinance No. 9213-14 authorized a contract with Gardiner utilizing the NOPEC Energy Grant that allowed various improvements at several of the municipal facilities. Ordinance No. 9214-14 was an ordinance for the Auditor of the State of Ohio not to exceed \$34,665. Ordinance No. 9215-14 addressed several different grants: a SEALE grant, a Police Department grant, a Fire Department grant and the Ellenwood grant.

Councilwoman Spinks appreciated everyone who helped with the Weekend of the Pooka celebration. She expressed the concerns about the poor lighting throughout the City especially after the abduction and rape occurred. Mr. Mallis said the Police Officers made notes of streetlights that were not working but everyone should feel free to call in any light that was not working whether they have a telephone pole number or not. Mayor Koci suggested the emergency type light poles be installed along the walking path and around town for safety reasons; when the button was pushed the alert went directly to the Dispatch Center. It was determined the City paid for these lights whether they were working or not. The walking path behind City Hall was in discussions of lighting.

Councilman Genutis enjoyed the conversations he had at the Weekend of the Pooka event with the Virginia Marti College and the Cleveland Music School Settlement. He felt art and cultural was good health and well-being. He hoped the 90 Woodrow Group Home issues were addressed. He felt a simple home of sober living should be welcomed in Bedford. In Bedford there were businesses selling alcohol on every corner. He felt it was odd that sober living would be so questionable when drunken living seemed to be a norm for so many which he felt was sad. Drunkenness and alcohol addiction was something that had affected him and his family. He had a special concern for it and he was thankful for anyone who would dedicate their life and career to the healing of this problem.

Councilwoman Zolata talked about all the months of work that went into the Pooka event, the hands on crafts with the children. She talked about the water problem at a resident's house on Pinecrest and questioned whether new trees were going to be planted. Mr. Mallis replied, yes. It was determined a resident could trim City trees that hung over the City sidewalks. Mr. Saunders noted the standard height for trees over sidewalks was nine foot.

Councilwoman Mizzsak enjoyed herself at the Pooka celebration; she felt it was the best Pooka event to date. She asked if the sidewalks could be used at the bridge construction site on Columbus Road; the children's weight was not going to break anything. Mayor Koci explained the way the construction site was there was only one side that could be used. She questioned something about a call regarding a tree that had fallen on West Grace in Ward 5 and an issue at 49 Brune. Mr. Mallis was addressing these issues. She mentioned a Senior Discount of some sort. Mr. Gambosi would supply applications after the meeting.

Councilman Pozar asked for clarification regarding the West Grace Road project. Mr. Mallis reiterated the West Grace Road construction would start two weeks later on September 24, 2014 but finished by the expected date. Mr. Pozar congratulated and was very proud of the Bedford Bearcats; he predicted they would be going to the State tournament. It was determined the potential finish date for the Columbus Road bridge was near the end of 2015. This project was not under the direction of the City, some residents wanted the bridge closed for certain concerns. The Administration decided it was best to have the bridge opened. Mr. Pozar spoke about the contentious topic and dilemma of the new group home on Woodrow and how something like this was necessary but the residents were upset about it. Some of these services were necessary and residents understood the need but it fell under the Not in My Back Yard (NIMBY) syndrome. Public Officials sometimes were faced with a serious dilemma of interpreting the law while factoring the concerns of the residents. He talked about the HUD regulation that prohibited elected officials in making a decision based on their resident input. He was not in favor of the HUD regulation because the rules and laws that once monitored society were being taken away. He felt sometimes such laws needed to be challenged. There were residents in the audience that were present to voice their concerns and they were going to be allowed regardless of what the HUD regulations stated. Council was inviting input from the residents and some of the group home staff and their attorney. All the information would be weighed against the ordinances as they currently existed. The Building Department would be involved every step of the way; it began in that department and would end in that department. Council was interested in conversation while entertaining common sense, logic and the laws. Council had to decide what came first, the emotional side or the legal side and which rules needed to be enforced. This emotional topic would be discussed a bit longer. He did not envy anyone's position on Council but when a determination was made there was "heat" going to be present from one side or the other. Hopefully the rule of law was served and the decision would be honored. He apologized to all parties on the wait of the final decision of Council. Topics like these were taken very seriously.

Councilman Saunders felt Mr. Pozar summarized the group home issue very well. Council was not going to make a quick decision that would affect any neighborhood of this quality. He was very disappointed the school system did not address Patriot Day this year at the Bedford Football game this past Friday

night. He would bring this up to the School Board for 2015. He also noticed that there were hardly any resident households that didn't fly a flag on 911. He spoke of the ongoing problems of the trains stopping on the railroad tracks. In the last week there were two incidents of a train stopped for 30 minutes and four incidents of the train crawling down the tracks for 45+ minutes before the intersection was cleared. Mr. Mallis explained the Dispatch Center was located in Dearborn, Michigan but he recently found out the Police Department could issue citations. The Dearborn Dispatch Center was made aware of these continuing issues. The Dearborn Dispatch Center suggested the City take pictures of the train in question so they know who to address. Citations would be issued by the Police Department in hopes to resolve this ongoing problem. Mr. Saunders asked Mr. Mallis to look into the very loud music that was being played at the City's pavilion on Saturday; he thought that was not allowed.

Mayor Koci asked about leaf chips and wood mulch for the residents. Mr. Mallis reiterated the City did not perform these types of services anymore to save manpower. The City contracted with a company to handle these types of services. Mayor Koci announced there were only nine (9) more ground bricks for the Elmer Flick fund raiser project. If you were interested please contact Clerk Villers. He, too, was pleased with the Weekend of the Pooka event.

ORDINANCE NO. 9212-14, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF BEDFORD PURCHASING POLICY/GUIDELINES TO CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO CLARIFY PROCEDURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9212-14** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9213-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GARDINER FOR PROCUREMENT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF BEDFORD'S ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Mizesak seconded by Pozar to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. **9213-14** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9214-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE 2014 CITY OF BEDFORD AUDIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9214-14** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9215-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9122-13 MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Saunders seconded by Genutis to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Spinks to place Ordinance No. **9215-14** on third and final reading and passed.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 9216-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIRNA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR REPAIR OF NORTHFIELD ROAD BY JOHN STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WAS READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizzsak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizzsak seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. **9216-14** on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Mallis explained the repair was for the water main break that ruined 70 feet of pavement on Northfield Road by John Street and needs to be put back with a paving box.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Spinks seconded by Zolata to accept the August 19, 2014 recommendation of the Planning Commission for Lou Roseman, Badah Enterprise, Inc., 29772 Hilliard Oak Lane, Westlake, OH who is seeking to demolish existing and rebuild a new modern Service Station / Convenient Store with Drive-thru at 1483 Broadway Avenue. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Koci said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments.

Jean Sapir, 526 Button Road and Southeast Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Road, listed and encouraged others to get involved with the several events that were happening at the Library. She also announced on behalf of the Arts & Cultural Board another FriDates event.

Skylar Starks, House Manager, 90 Woodrow Avenue, grew up in Beachwood, OH and started drinking alcohol in her early 20's that became a problem for her. She ended up getting the help she needed to start sober living. 90 Woodrow Avenue would be for sober and healthy living people only; no alcohol or drugs would be in this home. The ladies that would be living here would be sober learning how to have fun under a structured environment. The group would be a family like environment with normal sober living, structure, stability, support and understanding of one another. She understood the concerns of the neighbors and was willing to address any concerns and clarify what the home does.

Tim Bennet, 100 Woodrow Avenue, welcomed the group home to the neighborhood and was glad to have them. He was Vice-President at Marcus Thomas and part of his responsibility was to serve on community Boards. He served on a Recovery Research Board that serves those who suffer from alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness. He speaks from knowledge of these types of situations, he dedicates his time, resources and cause. He was familiar with placing and running people in group homes that need assistance. He appreciated the words of Mr. Genutis this evening; this too had touched his life and family. He was very comfortable with this group home in his neighborhood and he hoped the group homes would be accepted. He thought there might be some misplaced fear which needed to be discussed. The ladies in this home would be placed there under conditions so if there were problems then this person would not be permitted to stay in the home. It was obvious Ms. Wise had already committed to the home with the money, time and love expressed. He felt she would take good care of the home. He agreed with Mr. Genutis' point of being uncharitable not to welcome these ladies because these were people who have had hard times with addiction. These ladies would be living here on a temporary basis. He said he had lived on Woodrow for 10 years, it was a nice neighborhood but it was not a perfect neighborhood. There were rentals on the street that has had volatile incidents where the police had been called. There were no conditions for the renters that lived in these rental homes and at times it was hard for the landlord to evict them. He hoped for a vote of confidence in this direction.

Ms. Wise, owner of 90 Woodrow, did not intend to cause trouble for Bedford and she was saddened that this has occurred. She understood and empathized with people's fears and the concern of decreasing property values. She hoped to draw the community together. These ladies would be joining in community services and purchasing within Bedford to economically help the business owners. She understood she overpaid for the home in July, 2014 but that was not a concern for her. She was impressed with the charm, history and the great condition of the home itself. She was willing to address any concerns regarding safety or anything else. This type of program was very much needed; we all were aware of someone who had experienced problems. This was not a character defect, laziness, being mean or an evil person; it was a brain disorder. People deserve a second chance for themselves, for other's lives they have touched and to make the community better.

Sabrina Future, 15 Charles Street, thanked Ms. Wise for choosing Bedford for her location. She had experienced alcoholism in her own family and she picked Bedford because it reminded her of her childhood neighborhood and for childhood issues. She truly believed if there was someone willing to help people she did not understand why anyone would be a blocker or barrier. There were far more issues happening in the City which could use energy in addressing. She encouraged those to "get it together" and let this group home help others.

Attorney Chris Soukup, Ziegler Metzger, Attorneys and Counselors, Cleveland, Ohio, said his job was to see that this group home complied with the laws and to address any concerns anyone would have. It was important to consider the people involved with this continuing operation in good standing in Bedford. He was not going to belabor the points of the law because he thought it was more important to consider the people involved. Ms. Wise he's known for decades; she was a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor; she was dedicated to the well-being of the people she treats. She was obtaining her Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Kent State University. She had 20 years of experience in the field and had gathered an impressive group of people who were similar minded to assist her in this process regarding business plans. There was not a more caring, compassionate person dedicated to the wellbeing of the people she treats. He stressed the 90 Woodrow location was a "healing" home, a family atmosphere for some of these ladies who have not had a chance to experience and learn. The focus was to assist/educate these ladies in a healing atmosphere so they can enter into society and live a normal productive fulfilling life.

Ralph King, 107 Woodrow, commended Council for tabling the Planning Commission's motion. This was referred to as Council doing their due diligence and honoring (at least in spirit) but maybe not the letter of the law that the residents in the area be notified. He said Mr. Genutis and some others on Council wanted to characterize some of the resistance that some were unfeeling, uncaring and they don't care about people with addictions. He shared he was affected by his grandfather and aunt who were killed by a drunk driver, his cousin overdosed and his best friend used heroin and spent five (5) years in jail for killing a woman. He was fully aware of what the group home was attempting but the issue was a lot of what they were hearing that it was nice and caring but how this specific group home originated. He asked to be corrected of the statements he was about to make: 1) "Was the individual asked by the City to possibly hold up on the sale to see if there would be any problems with this going through". Mr. Mallis replied, the City was aware of the sale after it was finalized. Ms. Wise purchased the home prior to the City being aware she had purchased it for a group home. The City advised Ms. Wise that there were certain steps and a group home couldn't be operated until these steps were addressed. The Building Commissioner and the City Manager sent a letter to Ms. Wise which was followed up by conversations of the processes that needed to be completed prior to opening up this group home. 2) Was Ms. Wise advised not to have an Open House? Mr. Mallis replied, the Administration did not advise Ms. Wise not to have an Open House. Mr. King thought Mr. Mallis told him today on the phone that the Administration asked Ms. Wise not to have an Open House. Mr. King then asked for Kathy Williams to verify this conversation. Mr. Mallis clarified the conversation was that the City did not advise Ms. Wise not to have an Open House and that Ms. Wise had called the City because she wanted to speak with the neighbors so the Administration allowed her to do so. Mr. King asked Mr. Pozar and Mr. Saunders if this was their understanding that she was not told to have an Open House. Mr. Mallis stated Ms. Wise was never forbidden to have an Open House. With two conversations happening at the same time, Mayor Koci attempted to get Mr. King's attention five times by calling his name and gaveling Mr. King. Mr. King finally acknowledged Mayor Koci. Mayor Koci asked Mr. King to be polite and all questions would be directed to the Chair and Mayor Koci would decide who was to speak. Mr. King agreed and then asked for a community meeting of the residents of this affected area who don't like what was going on. Not as far as the people there but by the way they were moving in. The Fair Housing Act does not give a free pass to be used as a hammer over a community. This Act did give the residents ability to fight back and the residents were prepared to take that course if the City went through with it and didn't hear the residents.

Deacon LeVelle Woodruff, Elevation Community Church, said the reason people were living in Bedford was because they were welcome to come, welcome to live and enjoy the beautiful City. The Charter and Master Plan indicates all the signs of "welcoming those to come". Numerous churches throughout Bedford welcome those to come to church, welcome those to make a change, come to church and don't be the way you were but to be a better way. People make mistakes, fall down in their lives, hit hard times, haven't lived life correctly but there would be a second, third and fourth chance. Everyone in their own personal lives had made mistakes and were given a second, third and fourth chance. People break laws all the time dealing with alcohol, abuse and drugs but if a person hadn't experienced some of these misfortunes then it might be difficult to understand. He spoke from personal experience of dealing with alcohol, drugs and theft. He stated he was no longer this person and it was because someone gave him another a chance, a home, a bed and welcomed him with open arms. He understood group home regulations, the people, the fear, and stereotyping. As a church, they stood behind Ms. Wise and the group home. He asked if it was one of Council's children would they want help for their child or would they put their child back on the street. He stated it was about what was the right thing to do regardless of the color, the reason, FHA or HUD. Obviously, people were going to get mad but it was about what was right. When you show people "true love" you were going to see good results. Each person you help will continue to help others and the help and love will multiply.

Kathy Williams, 491 Lamson, understood the "warm and fuzzy". She asked Council if they were going to change the Codified Ordinance Chapter 1915.24 that referenced a group home shall not include alcoholism or drug treatment center and asked if it was going to be stricken? Some of Council shook their heads no. Ms. Williams felt the City was opening a door for Cleveland Clinic, UH, and Glenbeigh that were at her Open House of recent. She thought these institutions might be interested in purchasing all the empty homes for group homes. She felt these group homes were treatment centers whether it was holistic or doctors. She stated, "They just didn't go there and go to sleep and get up and go to work. There's treatment there. How are you going to monitor it? What are you going to do when someone gets up in the morning and they need their pills? God forbid if there is someone that's a heroin addict and they need their methadone. How are you to monitor it?" She understood warm and fuzzy, sympathy, and people need a second chance but didn't understand how Council swore to uphold the laws of Bedford when it's on the books. She suggested Council change the law and when it opens up the flood gates there was nothing that could be done; it was on the books. Mayor Koci said the law was on the books and it was not being affected. Ms. Williams replied, it was a "treatment center". She was corrected by Mayor Koci and some of Council that it was not a "treatment" center. Ms. Williams asked the group home attendees if they got pills in the morning. Skylar Starks, Ms. Wise, Deacon Woodruff, Ms. Rinni replied, No, it was all natural and no medications were administered at 90 Woodrow. Mayor Koci commented he took a pill every morning. Mr. King spoke from the back of the audience that "holistic" was defined as a treatment and "you guys are lying Stan". Holistic was defined as "mind, body and spirit". Mr. King left the meeting.

Ali Rinni, 40 Falls Creek Circle, Moreland Hills, Ohio, introduced herself to Ms. Williams and told her she was an addict and in recovery and one of the House Managers. Ms. Rinni clarified there were not treatments performed at 90 Woodrow. It was a residential setting for the ladies to sleep, cook, hang out, learn how take of themselves all over again. The actual treatment was done at the Warrensville facility; again, there was no treatments happening at the 90 Woodrow home. Ms. Rinni was feeling a vibe from some of the residents that there was a problem with "sobriety". It was upsetting to her because addiction was 2 out of every 10 people and she wondered how many addicts were walking the streets that could actually use a home. If people have a problem with "sobriety" then something needs to change. Ms. Williams spoke from the side of the room about an article from California that spoke about "rehab centers" that grew in numbers over a period of time. Ms. Rinni said she attended the facility in California and after "rehab" and then went to "sober living". Ms. Williams, again speaking from her seat, referred to another article. Ms. Rinni made it very clear she was educated and she understood. She said their intent was not to transform Bedford into a whole huge sober living area. Ms. Williams felt it was a "slippery

slope” and Ms. Rinni didn’t know that. Mayor Koci brought the meeting back to order. Ms. Rinni apologized for being a little intense but this was “super personal and very emotional” for her. She had never been more passionate about anything in her life. Sober living has dramatically changed her life. She was a graduate from Case Western Reserve University, a previous Director of Silicon Valley Tech Startup and she had accomplished things in her life but she had never accomplished this sort of happiness and passion ever before being sober. There were Bedford residents that needed their assistance; she hoped Council would vote for what was the right thing. She did not think this group home was breaking any laws. She was currently from Beachwood where there was a sober living home that the residents all love. Sober living homes would bring positive people to Bedford that might not have visited before including herself. She was sorry, the goal was not to offend anyone or cause trouble. She thought she would never be in a room defending sobriety. She apologized for upsetting or causing any resident to be nervous. She guaranteed that the resident’s lives would remain peaceful if this home was opened. Ms. Williams continued to speak from her seat stating the law needed to be changed.

David Lynch, 635 Button Road, said he attended this evening because he had been on both sides of the fence. The issue was about people that needed help and the City of Bedford. Retired from the Building Department he felt this home fell under a “conditional use”; it gave the City the lever to pull the plug on any conditional use whether it was residential or commercial if there were any violations. Also, he was a recovering alcoholic for four (4) years and was proud of it. This was brought on by certain medications. He was experiencing liver failure and this made him realize he had too much to live for. He thought Bedford was an ideal location for this facility. He spoke at several AA meetings, people can’t be institutionalized for a sickness or illness and the word “addiction” went out the window 10 years ago. He knew of five meetings a week in Bedford that were within walking distance of 90 Woodrow. This home was to strictly establish a family home atmosphere and the ladies would be receiving treatment in Warrensville. He stressed part of recovery was “family”. First you have to admit you have a problem, make your amends and have your family help you. He said you would be amazed if you’ve never had the experience; again, you’ll be amazed.

Roberta Furino, 110 Woodrow Avenue, was enlightened this evening with the conversations. Her concern was safety and property value. She questioned if a young family would want to move into a neighborhood with a group home. She felt the residents needed educated on the topic in hopes they would be more welcoming. She was a nurse with a caring nature but there was a little bit of fear. She agreed with Tim Bennet their neighborhood was not perfect. There were current situations that could not be fixed. She was on the fence.

Dot Schwende, 513 Lamson Avenue, was a product of an alcohol mentally ill family. She worked 39 ½ years for the Salvation Army who supports sobriety. She understands the programs involved but wanted to know if this group home was “non-profit” or “for profit”. It was determined it was “for profit”. Ms. Schwende understood from the Internet “for profit” group homes was a pretty big business. Bedford was full of large roomy homes that could be used for group homes. She was not sure she wanted to open the door to allow the first group home in Bedford. She was a caring person and her heart went out to these people who have these kinds of problems. She put her whole life savings into her home in Bedford and she was torn because her father could have benefited from a program like this. She said since it was a “for profit” organization/business she was not in favor of it.

Ms. Wise appreciated the questions and concerns this evening. As far as being “for profit”, she did not think she would be making much of a profit because of the level of staffing that was hired. It wasn’t about business, she had dedicated 24 years of her life to this passion. She believed there would not be safety concerns; the specific mentor worked for Homeland Security. These ladies would not be given a house key, only Sunday visitation from approved family/friends, security cameras, door/window alarms, a non-refundable signed contract, random drug/alcohol testing, rules and regulations. She felt there was more

safety at 90 Woodrow than the average home in our neighborhoods. Mr. Pozar reminded everyone University Hospital was "for profit" as if that was a bad word. Profit drew quality help and quality people.

As far as the neighborhood on Woodrow; it would not suffer/decrease in property value. The two homes on each side of 90 Woodrow were raised/increased in value by 45%. The 90 Woodrow home was purchased in an excessive amount of \$40,000 over these two homes. In being fair and objective, values the group home brought something to the table in a good faith purchase of a home. He asked for a copy of the rules because Ms. Wise was defending the establishment of the home as if it existed. Ms. Wise said the doors were not open, however, they were prepared to do so by establishing rules, regulations, chores, rotation ideas, researching and talking to others who have done it effectively. She said some of these things were addressed at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Pozar asked Mr. Montello to research the current laws on the book, conditional use and neighbor concerns. He suggested this be discussed at the next Work Session. He felt the neighbors had a legitimate fear of the flood gates opening for several homes.

Ms. Wise responded to Mr. King's (who had already left the meeting) comment about holistic being considered a treatment. She defined "holistic" as, "meaning the whole person, mind, body and spirit". Holistic did not mean "medical or clinical treatment in any way, shape or form". Holistic was healthy eating, yoga and part of being healthy. They were promoting healthy living. She did not feel the law needed to be changed so why talk about changing the law because it was not a "treatment". Mayor Koci did not believe the law needed changed. (Chapter 1915.24)

Ms. Rinni said if this all works out she wanted to have a good relationship with everyone in the community. She understood "addiction" was a very gray area for those who haven't gone through it, don't understand it or they don't know the ins and outs of what sober homes really were. She understood the fears but at the end of the day, they were neighbors. She invited everyone to lunch or dinner where they would present an educational series on what it was like to live in a sober living home. This would allow those to get a better feel and they could possibly take a trip to the Warrensville Heights treatment center. She acknowledged Ms. Schwende and Ms. Williams to invite them.

Somebody from their seat in the audience asked if there was a time limit for these ladies. Ms. Wise explained the program was a three month minimum stay so they could get established solidly in their recovery. This was not just about sobriety but the whole person so they don't move from one addiction to another. If there was a need for someone to stay longer they would be welcomed but the goal was to encourage them to find their own purpose and calling so they all can be productive members of society.

Attorney Chris Soukup had a handout available for those who wanted to review studies done regarding property values. The information was based on 50 studies to determine whether community residences for people with disabilities adversely affected property values. The studies proved there were no effects on property values and no negative impact. Ms. Williams asked from her chair when the studies were done. Mr. Soukup explained these studies had not been done recently because every time the study was done the results were the same.

Mr. Saunders asked if any of this was covered by hospitalization or privately funded by family or another agency. Ms. Wise said these ladies at 90 Woodrow would be privately paying for this program, however, at the Warrensville treatment center which was a separate entity some of her services would be paid by hospitalization. She clarified the individual would be paying out of pocket for their time spent at 90 Woodrow. She wanted to start a scholarship program to assist with costs. She said everything was based on their willingness, behavior, cooperation and motivation while they were living at 90 Woodrow to qualify for a reduced rate.

Maryann McCanless, 695 West Glendale, asked if drug addiction and alcohol addiction people would be under roof at the same time since heroin was such a "tricky thing". Would some of these ladies be there for a longer stay? Ms. Wise said drug addiction and alcohol addiction were treated the same. She referred to the problem brought to light recently regarding the death of Robin Williams. He went into a store picked up a bottle of Jack Daniels and his problems started all over again. We all have our struggles in life and people can recover from addictions. Addictions walk through all economic brackets, educational brackets and all walks of life affecting 1 out of every 4 people. Heroin takes four (4) lives every month in the State of Ohio alone; it was getting to be a very epidemic proportion. The previous ways addiction was addressed in the past weren't as effective. Sober living environments seem to be helping because of the structured program of working on the whole person, values, physical, emotional health was reducing the chances of relapse. She thought this was an opportunity of being on the cutting edge and thought this opportunity would be a good thing for Bedford. She referred to an article Ms. Williams spoke of and the reason there were so many sober living homes was because of the amount of 30-60 day hospital institution treatment centers/program. Glenbeigh in Ashtabula and the partial hospitalization at the Cleveland Clinic were the only clinics in the area that would produce sober living homes. This area was not over populated with these types of facilities like other States in the articles. To have several sober living homes located in Bedford was not her wish or vision.

Mrs. Spinks spoke about the problems with some of the vacant homes in Bedford, the criminal nuisance ordinance that dealt with repeat offenders regarding disturbances, rental homes in general and at least the City had an opportunity to know what was moving into 90 Woodrow. Ms. Wise purchased this home and was trying to make a difference. Mrs. Spinks personally understood addictions and mental problems. This issue was a hard decision for Council because of their own personal experiences, however, they were residents too. She asked what would residents want: 1) an empty crack house beside them, 2) an empty home that was getting vandalized, 3) a landlord that does not maintain his rentals, or 4) or a sober living home. She asked those to look at the big picture; Council tabled this issue to allow resident input. She said anyone that has had an addiction to anything there was no "warm and fuzzy" to it at all. It's a day by day struggle.

Anthony Longino, 125 Tarbell Avenue, said he decided just to attend a Council meeting this evening not expecting to hear this type of discussion. He said almost acting as a devil's advocate he kept hearing the "what if game what if it works; so he was just going to leave it at that".

Mrs. Zolata understood residents that would say, "You don't live on our street". In Ward 3 there were vacant homes, repeat criminal nuisance offenders, children causing problems and vagrants which the City was very good at solving problems. She stated there was a group home on the corner of William and Broadway Avenue and the residents don't even know it's there anymore. This group home had been at this location for 20+ years and was for disabled adults that had a hard time living in regular homes. She spoke about the Educational Alternatives home for children that could not fit into the mainstream. Several meetings were held for the residents to address many issues. If these children stepped out of line one time, they could be removed from the home as mandated by the Administration and Council. Certain residents thought these children were going to ruin the neighborhood and it was the end of the world. Educational Alternatives have proven themselves they were well staffed with psychologists, Police Officer presence which wasn't necessary all the time. These were difficult children that were being handled and there were no problems. She understood the NIMBY syndrome and their feelings.

Mayor Koci stated there were seven (7) group homes currently located in Bedford and most people don't even know the locations. He has a group home in his neighborhood and his wife didn't even know what house it was. He stated there was nothing contentious about someone buying a house; anyone can buy a house without approval of Council and the Administration. It was only the City's concern after the home was purchased if it was being used for something different. Anyone can buy a house so that was a non-issue. He has never had a resident in his Ward/neighborhood call about the group home in their

neighborhood. The reason this topic was tabled was so the Administration and Council could document in writing the restrictions prior to considering the Planning Commission's recommendation. Possibly restricting how many can be located in each neighborhood. "You can't play the game if you don't know the rules". The City also had to consider the HUD Regulations. He has had personal experiences dealing with sober living homes in Cleveland where there were no problems in these homes and the sober living homes were better residents than the other residents in the neighborhood who had the Police called on them on a daily basis for drugs. The sober living homes were a controlled environment. He urged the surrounding residents to talk to those involved at 90 Woodrow. The City was not circumventing any laws and the HUD Regulations were being reviewed. If the home was approved, Ms. Wise would have to adhere to the Building Codes after Council's consideration. She still had more things to address. Mayor Koci's daughter's friend was sober for two years and overdosed on heroin at the young age of 21 years old. She had returned to the same environment, couldn't get away from the drugs and it was a very tough thing to deal with. He clarified the City was not going to welcome every drug addict to Bedford so he did not that impression out there. He felt the ladies in these type homes needed the City's support, love and caring along with the legal aspect. The Administration and Council were considering the overall picture and he felt there could be a balance keeping everyone's feelings and concerns in mind.

Mrs. Mizesak commended Ms. Stark and Ms. Rinni for making the right choice for themselves along with Ms. Wise's guiding. She felt Mr. Lynch was a super guy and she wanted to see him around a long time. She referred to some of the phone calls she had received today and thought people needed to look into things with an open mind. She referred to a specific question she did not like regarding religion. God is everywhere and He does what He feels was right. People should not stand in judgment; these unfortunate people didn't ask for this problem but God will lead them to the right thing.

Mrs. Zolata commended Council for all their consideration regarding this sensitive issue; she did not want anyone involved to think they were being put off.

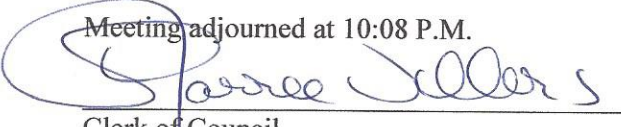
Maureen Tench, 76 Woodrow, said the meeting was a very learning experience for her. Originally she was scared to death; she was surprised to learn the City already had so many group homes. Her children were having children so she would be walking the neighborhood watching, learning and growing too.

Skylar Starks explained the ladies would be upper middle class, tested frequently, rooms searched and no treatments. Everyone in the neighborhood now knew about the home so the home would be watched like a hawk. Someone tonight had mentioned there was a bar near 90 Woodrow; she wanted to point out now they could see what sober living was because she lived there as a recovering addict and she was still sober. The structured routine would be waking up at a certain time, getting ready to travel to the Warrensville facility for treatment, come back to the home to eat, get ready to leave the house for evening meetings and return to the home to go to bed at a certain time.

Deacon Woodruff appreciated getting to know the Council members better. He asked Council to think of the word "restoration" in their minds when thinking of sober living. Historical homes in Bedford took time to restore for them to become a beautiful place. He asked them to think of a person in a similar form and how beautiful that life was at the end of the day. The only thing they want to do was "restore people".

Mayor Koci asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Genutis seconded by Zolata to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Spinks, Koci, Mizesak, Genutis, Pozar, Saunders, Zolata. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 P.M.


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